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CONSTRUCTION OF FIRST AUTOMOBILE PLANT IN CHINA

5 SHOPS COMPLETED -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 1 Jan 54

In July 1953, Communist China began building its first automobile plant under the first Five-Year Plan. During 1954, 550,000 square meters of floor space and ten shops will be added to the plant. Five major workshops were built in 1953 under Soviet guidance. The completion of this plant, which is expected in the near future, will facilitate transportation and promote urban-rural trade.

TO BEGIN PARTS PRODUCTION IN 1954 -- Peiping, Jen-min Jih-pao, 4 Jan 54

Makden, 3 January, (Hsin-hua She) -- The first automobile plant in Communist China, which is now under construction, will begin some production in 1954. During 1954, 24 shops will begin to produce automobile parts as well as equipment and tools for the plant. From the second quarter of 1954, some 3,000 assemblers from East and Central-South China are scheduled to arrive to install several tons of machines in the five major workshops completed during 1953.

To acquaint its employees with Soviet techniques, the Northeast Motion Picture Studio translated many sets of Soviet films, each 64,000 meters long, dealing with the principles of automobile manufacture. These films are to be used as teaching material for the workers. In addition, this plant has set up two schools: an automotive technical school and an automotive construction school. It is estimated that within 2 or 3 years many technicians and skilled workers will graduate. During the first part of 1953, some 2,000 apprentices and students were sent for training to 43 factories in various cities. In addition, groups of cadres were selected and sent to the Peiping People's University, the Northeast Finance Institute, and the Ch'ang-ch'un Accounting School, to study factory management, accounting, and statistical methods.

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